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of supply to the ten villages of Achamapuram, Vettamangalam, Melapalayam, Nenur, Sendamangalam, Koyampalli, Pugalur, Uppidamanpalayam, Puliyur and Kadambankurichi in the Karur taluk of the Tiruchirappalli district, have been recommended to the Planning Commission.

" (c) Rs. 18·26 lakhs for the Erode-Tiruchirappalli Third Circuit 110 K.V. changeover and Rs. 6·68 lakhs for the extension schemes in Karur taluk.

" (d) & (e) The question will be considered after the loan assistance applied for by this Government for grant of loan to licensees has been made available by the Central Government."

Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any scheme now pending before the Government suggested or submitted by the Tiruchirappalli Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, regarding the extension of services to rural areas?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the schemes have to be taken up only when the loans could be provided and that is dependent upon the Centre giving us the loan."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, எந்தெந்த மின்சாரக் கம்பெனிகளை எந்தெந்த ஆண்டுகளில் அரசாங்கம் தேசியமயமாக்கி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்போகிறார்கள் என்பதைப்பற்றி சென்ற பட்ஜெட் பிரசங்கத்திலே மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார். திருச்சிராப்பள்ளியில் தனிப்பட்ட கம்பெனி மின்சார விநியோகத்தைச் செய்துவருகிறது. அதற்கு முதலீடு போதாமையினால் கிராமங்களுக்கு மின்சாரம் விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட முடியாது. ஆகையால், ஒன்று இதைச் சர்க்காரே எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும்; அல்லது கம்பெனிகளுக்காவது பண உதவி செய்து, கிராமங்களுக்கு மின்சாரத்தை விஸ்தரிப்பதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்யவேண்டும்."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is exactly what I said. We are waiting to get the loan from the Centre which will be made available to the companies for spreading electricity in the rural areas."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether any scheme for extension of electricity to rural areas in Udayarpalayam taluk has been sanctioned for execution with the Central Government's subsidy under the recently projected schemes?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no subsidy as such I know of. We have only asked for a loan from the Centre and that is awaited. Once it comes, all these things can be considered."

Hunger-strike in Cannanore Jail.

* 97 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the second week of July 1954, some convicted prisoners in the Cannanore Jail went on hunger-strike;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many convicted prisoners were involved in the hunger-strike?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The convicts resorted to hunger-strike because the Inspector-General of Prisons refused to transfer them to other jails, as requested by them.

" (c) Five."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether any of these persons who went on hunger-strike were charge-sheeted for attempting to commit suicide? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Community Project Scheme for Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.

* 98 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the improvements effected in the Ponneri taluk of Chingleput district under the Community Project Scheme; the amount granted for the purpose; and the amount spent so far;

(b) if none, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits, if any, given to Harijans by these Community Projects and Development Schemes in that taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Community Project Scheme has not been launched in Ponneri taluk.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Grievances of the Homœo-practitioners.

* 99 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 10th May 1954, signed by 130 Homœo-practitioners concerning their present conditions; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No action on the memorandum was considered necessary."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" As the Government know that this is the cheapest form of medicine and lakhs of our people have no medical facilities, will they take steps to recognize and introduce the system at least in rural areas? "